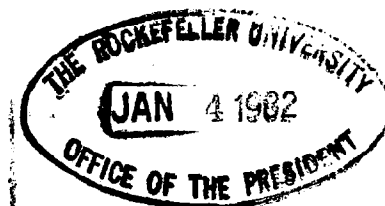


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Dear Josh:

The enclosed description of Barbara McClintock's achievements is largely the work of Marcus Rhoades. I think it covers the important ground but I am not sure that it is in acceptable form, not having had any experience of this kind before. I hope that you can take it from here.

I didn't know quite what you meant by the statement that you didn't regard the Ac-Ds work as her most important contribution. If something else should be stressed, please make any changes that you see fit. Both Marcus and I felt that controlling elements and the extrapolations from them were the highlights of Barbara's career.

Francis Crick called me in response to my letter asking for his support. He thought that the deadline for the nomination was January 31. He was in favor of Barbara's nomination but felt that, because of the large backlog of worthwhile candidates, a package of three would have a better chance of succeeding. He mentioned Benzer and Brenner. However, I don't see what would hold the three together for the Nobel Committee. At any rate, it is too late and too difficult to get the required material. It occurs to me that perhaps Nobelists are privy to names of candidates for the Prize. If you have such a list, would you think of putting a package together?

I have received agreements from George Beadle, Luria, Jacob, and Al Hershey to support a McClintock candidacy. Jim Watson declined because he was nominating other people. Francis Crick remains a possible supporter if a suitable package can be formed.

If there is anything else that Marcus or I can do to help you in furthering Barbara's candidacy, please let us know. ✓

Yours,

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